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In re Application of

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FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER AND METHOD OF LOW-NOISE FREQUENCY SYNTHESIS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A frequency converter comprising a mixer (200) which has a first input connected to a signal source which delivers a signal with a frequency to be converted, and comprising a signal source (1) which has a reference frequency connected to a second input of the mixer, characterized in that the signal source (1) which has a reference frequency comprises a frequency synthesizer as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claim 14, was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

14. (Amended) A frequency converter comprising a mixer (200) which has a first input connected to a signal source which delivers a signal with a frequency to be converted, and comprising a signal source (1) which has a reference frequency connected to a second input of the mixer, characterized in that the signal source (1) which has a reference frequency comprises a frequency synthesizer as claimed in claim 1 any one of the preceding claims.